

Please amend Claims 39 and 40 as follows:

39. (Amended) A transgenic animal that has been transformed by the nucleic acid molecule of [any one of] claim[s] 31 to 34] 32 or a vector of one of claims 35 [to 38] , 36 or 37.

40. (Amended) A method of preparing a tissue cement protein of [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 19] comprising expressing a vector according to any one of claims 35 [to] , 36 or 37 in a host cell and culturing said host cell under conditions where said protein is expressed, and recovering said protein thus expressed.

REMARKS

The above amendments are submitted herewith to reduce multiple dependencies and to conform the claims more closely to U.S. practice.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and early and favorable processing in the National Phase before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is courteously solicited.

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